UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK		
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CNAN GROUP S.P.A.,	: .	08 CV 1201 (PAC)
Plaintiff,	: :	
-against-	; ;	
IGEN SEA SHIPPING and HASSAN ALI RICE EXPORT CO.,	: :	
Defendants.	; ;	
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HASSAN ALI RICE EXPORT CO.'s MEMORANDUM OF LAW IN SUPPORT OF MOTION TO VACATE MARITIME ATTACHMENT

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PRELIMINARY STATEMENT

Defendant, HASSAN ALI RICE EXPORT CO. ("HAREC"), by its undersigned counsel, Lennon, Murphy & Lennon, LLC, submits the within Memorandum of Law and the exhibits attached hereto, and the accompanying declaration of Abdullah Hashwani ("Hashwani Decl."), in support of its motion for an Order vacating this Court's Ex Parte Order for Process of Maritime Attachment and Garnishment dated February 11, 2008. HAREC makes this motion pursuant to Rules B and E(4)(f) of the Supplemental Rules for Certain Admiralty and Maritime Claims of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

HAREC is a commodities trader engaged in, inter alia, rice exporting from Pakistan. See Hashwani Decl. ¶ 5. HAREC is a sole proprietorship existing under the laws of Pakistan with an office and place of business at Cotton Exchange Building I.I., Chundrigar Road, Karachi, Pakistan. See Hashwani Decl. ¶ 5. Igen Sea Shipping ("Igen Sea") is a sole proprietorship existing under the laws of Pakistan with an office and place of business at Iftikar Chambers, Hasrat Mohani Road, Karachi, Pakistan. See Hashwani Decl. ¶ 6. As they are both sole proprietorships, HAREC has no ownership interest in Igen Sea and Igen Sea has no ownership interest in HAREC. See Hashwani Decl. ¶ 7. HAREC and Igen Sea do not share offices, directors, employees, bank accounts or office space. Each is its own entity, separate and independent of the other. See Hashwani Decl. ¶ 8.

Pursuant to a maritime contract of charter dated November 7, 2005 ("the charter party"), the Plaintiff, CNAN GROUP S.P.A. ("Plaintiff" or "CNAN"), owner of the M/V AIN OUSSERA (the "Vessel") chartered the Vessel to Igen Sea for one voyage from Pakistan to West Africa, loading at one safe port/one-two safe berth(s) Karachi, Pakistan, and discharging at

one-three safe port(s) safe berth(s) Douala, Cameroon, to Dakar, Senegal range. Igen Sea chartered the Vessel to carry a cargo of about 25,000 metric tons of bagged rice. The charter party did not contain a detention clause. *A copy of the charter party is attached hereto as Exhibit 1.* The charter party designated Oceanic Shipping & Trading Co. ("Oceanic") as the broker and HAREC as the shipper. *See Exhibit 1.* Pursuant to the terms of the charter party, CNAN deducted as commission 5% of the total cost of freight, despatch and demurrage. CNAN divided this commission as follows: Igen Sea received 1 ¼ %; HAREC received 1 ¼%; Oceanic received 1 ¼%; and Helmgale S.A.R.L. ("Helmgale"), owners' broker, received 1 ¼ %. *See Exhibits 2 through 4 attached hereto.* HAREC was not party to this charter party. *See Hashwani Decl.* ¶ 9.

On November 19, 2005, by a Fixture Recap, Igen Sea re-let the Vessel to HAREC on a back-to-back basis for a cargo of 25,000 MT bagged rice ("the cargo"). *A Copy of the Fixture Recap is attached hereto as Exhibit 5*. The terms of the Fixture Recap were almost identical to the terms of the charter party, with the exception that HAREC agreed to pay Igen Sea a commission of 1 1/4% on freight. HAREC was the shipper of the cargo, which was to be sold to West African merchants and The Rice Company on a cost, insurance and freight basis and cost and freight basis 7, respectively. The Fixture Recap did not bind HAREC to pay demurrage and/or detention or to arbitrate disputes with CNAN. *See Exhibit 5*.

After the cargo was loaded onto the Vessel, Igen Sea advised HAREC that it was having difficulty making timely freight payments to CNAN under the charter party. Via correspondence

¹ "cost, insurance and freight" means that the seller pays for cost, insurance and freight of transporting the goods to the port of destination, however, all risk and additional costs are transferred to the buyer once the goods pass the ship's rail in the load port.

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dated December 14, 2005, Igen Sea therefore requested that HAREC make payments due under the Fixture Note directly to CNAN. A copy of this correspondence is attached hereto as Exhibit 6; see also Hashwani Decl. ¶¶ 18-19. In order to protect its interest in the cargo, and its rights under the Fixture Recap, HAREC made payments directly to CNAN. See Hashwani Decl. ¶ 20. HAREC also paid CNAN as per CNAN's invoice to Igen Sea, a copy which is attached hereto as Exhibit 7.

HAREC sold part of the cargo to The Rice Company on a cost and freight basis with The Rice Company to be shown as the shipper on the bill of lading. Disputes later arose between CNAN's legal department and Igen Sea when CNAN demanded that Igen Sea produce all three original bills of lading before it would allow the cargo to be discharged. However, the face of the bills of lading contained the following language:

IN WITNESS whereof the Master or Agent of said vessel has signed the number of Bills of Lading indicated below all of this tenor and date, <u>any one of which</u> being accomplished the others shall be void.

A copy of the Bill of Lading is attached hereto as Exhibit 8 (emphasis added). The Rice Company's bank, Societe Generale, released the original Bill of Lading on March 10, 2006. See email correspondence dated March 13, 2006 attached hereto as Exhibit 9. It is the customary shipping practice that where an original bill of lading is surrendered to the Master or Agent of a vessel, the other two originals of the set are therefore rendered essentially superfluous or void. See Hashwani Decl. ¶ 11. Therefore, CNAN's claim that it required all three original bills of lading before discharging the cargo is without merit. Igen Sea and The Rice Company advised CNAN that they were not required to produce all three original bills of lading. See Hashwani Decl. ¶ 12; see email correspondences from Igen Sea to Helmgale dated March 15, 2006 and March 21, 2006; attached hereto as Exhibits 10 and 11.

Due solely to CNAN's unnecessary requirement that all three original bills of lading, the cargo was delayed at Takoradi. Certain disputes arose between CNAN and Igen Sea regarding CNAN's allegation that Igen Sea failed to make timely payments of demurrage and damages for detention due and owing under the charter party all of which could have been avoided but for CNAN's position on the bills of lading. CNAN claims that as a result of Igen Sea's alleged breach of the charter party, it has suffered damages in the total principal amount of \$443,032.79, inclusive of interest, costs and attorneys fees.

Contrary to CNAN's asserted claims, Igen Sea sent an invoice to CNAN dated March 29, 2006, showing an amount of \$99,382.30 due and owing to Igen Sea pursuant to the charter party. A copy of Igen Sea's invoice dated March 29, 2006 is attached hereto as Exhibit 12.

Clause 58 of the charter party provides, in relevant part:

This charter party shall be governed by and construed in accordance with English law and any dispute arising out of this charter party shall be referred to arbitration in London...

Any claim must be made in writing and claimant's arbitrator appointed within 12 months of final discharge and where this provision is not complied with, the claim/dispute, whether pertaining to liability or quantum or both shall be deemed to be extinguished and cease to exist.

Pursuant to Clause 58 of the charter party, CNAN appointed an arbitrator against defendant Igen Sea but CNAN has neither commenced arbitration proceedings nor made a claim in writing against Igen.

Although CNAN appointed an arbitrator, to date it has failed to submit a written claim in accordance with the mandatory terms of its charter party with Igen Sea. Cargo discharge was completed on March 26, 2006. *See Hashwani Decl.* ¶ 13. Therefore, any claim arising under the

charter party was deemed to be extinguished and ceased to exist as of March 26, 2007.

Accordingly, CNAN is time barred from pursing its underlying claim against Igen Sea in the arbitration action and thus this ancillary action for security of CNAN's alleged claim arising under the CNAN – Igen Sea charter party should be dismissed.

In contravention of the mandatory terms of its charter party with Igen Sea, on or about February 5, 2008, CNAN filed a Verified Complaint in this Court against Defendant "HASSAN ALI RICE EXPORT CO. d/b/a IGEN SEA SHIPPING" ("Defendant"). CNAN's Verified Complaint contained a prayer for issuance of an Ex Parte Order for Process of Maritime Attachment and Garnishment ("PMAG"). CNAN's Verified Complaint sets forth erroneous and misleading allegations claiming that HAREC and Igen Sea are related companies. Based upon these erroneous allegations, this Court issued an Ex Parte Order dated February 11, 2008, authorizing the attachment of HAREC's property in this district in an amount up to \$443,032.79, inclusive of costs and interest.

To date, \$443,032.79 of HAREC's property has been improperly restrained in the District as a result of CNAN's service of the Ex Parte Order and Process of Maritime Attachment and Garnishment, authorized and issued thereby, that has been served on non-party garnishees including Habib Bank where HAREC's funds are currently being restrained.

ARGUMENT

POINT I

PLAINTIFF MUST DEMONSTRATE WHY THIS HONORABLE COURT SHOULD NOT VACATE THE EX PARTE ORDER OR GRANT OTHER RELIEF.

A Plaintiff that has obtained and an ex parte Supplemental Rule B attachment order shoulders the burden at the post-attachment hearing to prove *inter alia* that "it has a valid prima

facie admiralty claim against the defendant." See Aqua Stoli Shipping Ltd. v. Gardner Smith

Pty. Ltd., 460 F.3d 434, 445 (2d Cir. 2006). Supplemental Admiralty Rule E(4)(f) of the Federal

Rules of Civil Procedure provides:

Whenever property is arrested or attached, any person claiming an interest in it shall be entitled to a prompt hearing at which the plaintiff shall be required to show why the arrest or attachment should not be vacated or other relief granted consistent with these rules.

In such cases, Local Admiralty and Maritime Rule E.1 provides:

The adversary proceeding following arrest or attachment or garnishment that is called for in Supplemental Rule E(4)(f) shall be conducted by a judicial officer within three court days, unless otherwise ordered.

Rule E(4)(f) does not mandate the type, or form, of a hearing and rather allows flexibility depending on the matters placed into issue by the litigation. *See* Salazar v. The Atlantic Sun, 881 F.2d 73, 79 (3d Cir. 1989).

It is the plaintiff's burden to prove that the attachment is proper. The Second Circuit Court of Appeals commented on Rule E(4)(f) in <u>Aqua Stoli</u> and explained the following standard:

[I]n addition to having to meet the filing and service requirements of Rules B and E, an attachment should issue if the plaintiff shows that 1) it has a valid prima facie admiralty claim against the defendant; 2) the defendant cannot be found within the district; 3) the defendant's property may be found within the district; and 4) there is no statutory or maritime law bar to the attachment. Conversely, a district court must vacate an attachment if the plaintiff fails to sustain his burden of showing that he has satisfied the requirements of Rules B and E. We also believe vacatur is appropriate in other limited circumstances. While, as we have noted, the exact scope of a district court's vacatur power is not before us, we believe that a district court may vacate the attachment if the defendant shows at the Rule E hearing that 1) the defendant is subject to suit in a convenient adjacent jurisdiction; 2) the plaintiff could obtain *in personam* jurisdiction over the

defendant in the district where the plaintiff is located; or 3) the plaintiff has already obtained sufficient security for the potential judgment, by attachment or otherwise. n5.

n.5 Rule E(4)(f) clearly places the burden on the plaintiff to show that an attachment was properly ordered and complied with the requirements of Rule B and E. Although Rule E does not explicitly mention a district court's equitable power to vacate an attachment or who bears such a burden, former Local Rule 12 required the defendant to establish any equitable grounds for vacatur, and we believe that defendants still bear that burden under the Supplemental Rules.

Agua Stoli, 460 F.3d at 445.

Former Local Rule 12, to which the Second Circuit cited in note 5 of <u>Aqua Stoli</u>, provides as follows:

Where property is arrested or attached, any person claiming an interest in the property arrested or attached may, upon showing of any improper practice or a manifest want of equity on the part of the plaintiff, be entitled to an order requiring that plaintiff to show cause why the arrest or attachment should not be vacated or other relief granted, consistent with these rules or the supplemental rules.

"The Court must vacate an attachment if the plaintiff fails to sustain its burden of demonstrating that the requirements of Rules B and E are satisfied." *See* Mediterranea di Navigazione S.p.A. v. Int'l Petrochemical Group S.A., 2007 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 35869 (S.D.N.Y. 2007). "[T]he plaintiff has the burden to show that the attachment should not be vacated, and at the hearing the defendant can attack the complaint, the arrest, the security demanded, or any other alleged deficiency in the pleading." *See* Dolco Investments, Ltd., Cypress v. Moonriver Developments Ltd., 486 F. Supp. 2d 261, 265-256, (S.D.N.Y. 2007); *see also* Supplemental Rule E(4)(f) Advisory Committee's Note.

"[M]aritime attachment represents an exception to the general rule that in the absence of statutory authorization a plaintiff may not have security for his claim until it is established and

reduced to judgment." *See* Thyssen Steel Corporation v. Federal Commerce & Navigation Co., 274 F. Supp. 18, 21 (S.D.N.Y. 1967). However, in recognition of this departure from the general rule, a district court has considerable oversight and inherent authority to review the propriety of such matters. The district court has "discretion to set aside an unfair attachment." *See* Western Bulk Carriers (Australia), Pty. Ltd. v. P.S. International, Ltd., 762 F. Supp. 1302, 1309 (S.D. Ohio 1991). "The inherent power to adapt an admiralty rule to the equities of a particular situation is entrusted to the sound discretion of the district judge." *See* Greenwich Marine, Inc. v. S.S. Alexandria, 339 F. 2d 901, 905 (2d Cir. 1965). "The district court has wide discretion in determining whether equitable relief in admiralty cases is appropriate." *See* Mullane v. Adele Chambers, 438 F.3d 132, 138 (1st Cir. 2006).

POINT II

PLAINTIFF'S ALLEGED EVIDENCE OF ALTER EGO AS AGAINST HAREC IS INSUFFICIENT TO SUSTAIN THE ATTACHMENT

A. The Alter Ego Standard

"[T]he first issue under the *Aqua Stoli* standard is whether plaintiff has shown that it has a valid prima facie admiralty claim against the defendant. The standard most commonly applied in a Rule E(4)(f) analysis is that the plaintiff must demonstrate that 'reasonable grounds' exist for the attachment." *See* Williamson v. Recovery Ltd. Partnership, 2007 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 4438, 4-5 (S.D.N.Y. 2007) *citing* Ullises Shipping Corp. v. FAL Shipping Co., 415 F. Supp. 2d 318, 322-23 (S.D.N.Y. 2006), overruled on other grounds by Aqua Stoli, 460 F.3d at 445. Because CNAN cannot demonstrate 'reasonable grounds' for issuance of the attachment, this Court should vacate the attachment.

CNAN's claims, as alleged in its Verified Complaint, arise from an alleged breach of a

charter party with Igen Sea. HAREC was not a party to the CNAN – Igen Sea charter party contract. Contrary to CNAN's baseless allegation, HAREC was not "doing business as Igen Sea Shipping". See Hashwani Decl. ¶ 7. HAREC may not be held liable for Igen Sea's alleged breach of this contract and also cannot be compelled to arbitrate disputes which arise under the charter party.

CNAN is attempting to obtain security from HAREC for its arbitration claim against Igen Sea. However, HAREC has not been named as a party in that arbitration and has not agreed to arbitrate with CNAN. See Hashwani Decl. ¶ 10. HAREC has not entered into a charter party with CNAN, is not bound by the terms of the charter party between CNAN and Igen Sea, or by the arbitration agreement contained therein, or by any award pursuant to the arbitration. As a result, CNAN should not be allowed to attach HAREC's property for any potential award, which, in any event, is not possible due to the operation of the time bar therein, issued under the CNAN - Igen Sea charter party.

Under federal common law, a party's corporate status may be ignored and liability imposed on another corporate entity or the principals, upon a clear showing of an interconnected organization used to perpetrate a fraud *or* where one entity or individual(s) can be shown to have so dominated the other that it was, in effect, carrying on the business of the other. See Kirno Hill Corp. v. Holt, 618 F.2d 982, 985 (2d. Cir. 1980). It is well established in the law that there is a strong presumption *in favor* of corporate separateness. See American Renaissance Lines, Inc. v. Saxis Steamship Co., 502 F.2d 674, 677 (2d Cir. 1974); see also Williams v. McAllister Bros. Inc., 534 F.2d 19, 22 (2d Cir. 1976). "Absent findings of fraud or bad faith, a corporation . . . is entitled to a presumption of separateness from a sister corporation . . . even if both are owned and controlled by the same individuals." See American Renaissance Lines, Inc. v. Saxis

Steamship Co., 502 F.2d 674 at 677. In this case, there is no plausible basis for CNAN to contend that this Court should ignore the strong deference towards a finding of corporate separation.

No precise test has been developed to determine whether one entity is the alter ego of another. To successfully plead an alter ego theory, the Plaintiff must show "actual domination, rather than the opportunity to exercise control." *See* De Jesus v. Sears, Roebuck & Co., 87 F.3d 65, 69 (2nd Cir. 1996). In MAG Portfolio Consultant, GmbH v. Merlin Biomed Group LLC, 268 F.3d 58 (2001), the Second Circuit identified a number of factors that may be considered when determining whether the corporate veil may be pierced:

(1) disregard of corporate formalities, (2) inadequate capitalization, (3) intermingling of funds, (4) overlap in ownership, officers, directors, and personnel, (5) common office space, address and telephone numbers of corporate entities, (6) the degree of discretion shown by the allegedly dominated corporation, (7) whether the dealings between the entities are at arm's length, (8) whether the corporations are treated as independent profit centers, (9) the payment or guarantee of debts of the dominated corporation by the dominating entity, and (10) intermingling of property between entities.

See MAG Portfolio, 268 F. 3d at 63.

As will be demonstrated below, a review of the <u>MAG Portfolio</u> factors shows that CNAN has not established a basis upon which the corporate veil may be pierced in this case.

B. Plaintiff's Inadequate Alter Ego Evidence

The Ex Parte Order obtained by CNAN against HAREC was based on Plaintiff's erroneous and misleading allegations that HAREC and Igen Sea are related companies.

However, CNAN has not shown (nor can it show) that HAREC and Igen Sea have any common

employees, officers or directors. Moreover, CNAN has not put forth sufficient evidence that HAREC and Igen Sea are related companies, partners, or joint venturers. HAREC and Igen Sea do not share office space, bank accounts, or employees. HAREC and Igen Sea did not participate in any joint partnership or joint venture relating to the CNAN – Igen Sea charter party.

CNAN alleges "upon information and belief" that Igen Sea "has no independent existence, corporate or otherwise, as an entity entitled to limited liability under Pakistani law." See Plaintiff's Complaint at ¶16. CNAN further alleges, "[t]he Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan ("SECP"), which is the regulatory body that maintains a single register for all Registered Companies in Pakistan under the Companies Ordinance, 1984 - whether they be private, public or publically listed - does not have any record or listing under the name 'Igen Sea Shipping." *Id.*

Apparently unappreciated, or unknown by CNAN, is the fact that HAREC and Igen Sea are separate sole proprietorships which doe not come within the purview of the SECP, which is a regulatory body for private, public and/or publically listed companies in Pakistan. *See Hashwani Decl.* ¶ 14. Presently, there is no central body in Pakistan similar to the SECP which registers sole proprietorships. *Id.* Moreover, as both Igen Sea and HAREC are sole proprietorships, the words "Limited" or "Private" do not appear in HAREC's or Igen's company names. CNAN's suggestion that this is a key absence of corporate form is completely unfounded. Because sole proprietorships are owned by individuals, Igen Sea and HAREC are not "private limited companies" and not required to including the word "Private" in their company names.

Therefore, CNAN's allegations that Igen Sea has no independent identity because it is not listed with the SECP and because its company name does not include the word "Private" are simply

wrong.

CNAN also attempts to find support for its alter ego claim based on its allegation that "upon information and belief, there is no record in the database of National Tax Numbers maintained by the Government of Pakistan's Central Board of Revenue ("CBR") to indicate that an entity named 'Igen Sea Shipping' is registered as an income tax assessee in Pakistan." See Plaintiff's Complaint at ¶18. However, because the government of Pakistan does not require national tax numbers this contention is similarly without merit. See Hashwani Decl. ¶ 16; see also article from Business Recorder, Karachi, Wednesday, April 16, 2008, attached hereto as Exhibit 13.

CNAN attempts to convince this Court that Igen Sea and HAREC are related companies because a visit to Igen Sea's business address shows no evidence of a "going business concern" (such term of art not being explained by CNAN) being conducted at that location. *See Plaintiff's Complaint at* ¶19. However, even if this were so, which is not admitted, it is unknown why this would mean that HAREC is doing business as Igen Sea. Using CNAN's reasoning, if Igen Sea is not in business ("no evidence of a going business concern") then HAREC cannot be doing business as Igen Sea. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Igen Sea has a business address of Iftikhar Chambers, Hasrat Mohani Road, Karachi, Pakistan. *See Hashwani Decl.* ¶ 6. However, HAREC notes that Igen Sea is the only unit in Iftikhar Chambers which has it entrance from the Hasrat Mohani Road. All other offices in Iftikhar Chambers have their entrance through Altaf Husain Street. *See Hashwani Decl.* ¶ 17. CNAN does not inform this Court the source(s) of information upon which it looked into Igen Sea and/or the familiarity, if any, of those souce(s) with Pakistani businesses and/or the Iftikhar Chambers. It is apparent that CNAN's surmise and conjecture widely misses the mark in this respect.

CNAN further alleges that "HAREC has made freight, partial demurrage and brokerage commission payments, and has paid port expenses with respect to the Vessel under the Charter at issue, even though, under the terms of the contract, those obligations rest with Igen." *See Plaintiff's Complaint at* ¶18. However, this does not support its alter ego argument, as any and all transactions between HAREC and Igen Sea were done at arm's length and for commercially legitimate and separate business purposes. CNAN cannot sustain its burden to show otherwise.

HAREC entered into a contract with Igen Sea on terms identical, except for freight commission, to that which Igen Sea had entered into with CNAN for chartering of the Vessel. See Exhibit 5; see also letter from Igen Sea to HAREC dated November 19, 2005 attached hereto as Exhibit 14. HAREC therefore could be obligated by Igen Sea to make payment due from Igen Sea to CNAN Sea albeit this could only be done at the direction of Igen Sea. HAREC could not itself lawfully ignore the existence of its contract with Igen Sea much as CNAN may not lawfully ignore the existence of its contract with Igen Sea.

After cargo was loaded onto the Vessel, Igen Sea advised HAREC that it was having difficulty in meeting its obligations under the charter party as it could not make timely freight payments to CNAN under the charter party. Igen Sea thus requested that HAREC make direct payments due and owing to it under the Fixture Recap directly to CNAN. See Hashwani Decl. ¶ 18; see also Exhibit 6. Igen Sea also requested that HAREC make direct payments of the commissions due to Helmgale and Oceanic and to pay the charge of the Karachi and discharge port agents. See Hashwani Decl. ¶ 20; see also Exhibit 6. In order to protect its interest in the cargo, and its rights under the Fixture Recap, HAREC remitted its freight payment due to Igen Sea directly to CNAN. See Hashwani Decl. ¶ 20. By operation of the back-to-back charter parties, Igen Sea, as disponent owner of the Vessel, owned this money to CNAN and thus Igen

Sea, and not HAREC, requested that HAREC simply tender payment directly to CNAN and to the brokers.

This transaction is nothing more than a simplified mechanism whereby Igen Sea sought to satisfy its obligation to CNAN via a crediting of an account receivable directly from HAREC. Igen Sea was not seeking to have HAREC pay its debts, or vice versa. *See Hashwani Decl.* ¶ 22. CNAN obviously had no qualms otherwise with this arrangement since it accepted without reservation, or protest, HAREC's payment although HAREC was not in direct contractual privity with CNAN.

Yet, CNAN now hypocritically is heard to complaint that "HAREC directed payments allegedly due from Plaintiff to Igen Sea under the Charter to be paid to a bank account in Karachi whose beneficiary was stated to be HAREC." See Plaintiff's Complaint at ¶ 26. Pursuant to the terms of the charter party, HAREC was entitled to receive 1½% of the freight commission. See Exhibit 1. Under the terms of the Fixture Note, Igen Sea owed this money to HAREC and thus Igen Sea, not HAREC, requested that CNAN simply tender payment to HAREC. See email correspondence from Igen Sea to Oceanic, dated April 18, 2006, attached hereto as Exhibit 15. Again, this was simply a simplified mechanism of payment and does not provide evidence of an alter ego relationship between Igen Sea and HAREC. This arrangement is entirely consistent with the manner in which Igen Sea also requested that HAREC make payments to CNAN.

CNAN has also alleged that "HAREC accepted, without reservation or any indication that it was acting solely in a representative capacity, communications with respect to the operation as though it was, in fact, the charterer of the Vessel instead of Igen Sea Shipping." See Plaintiff's Complaint at ¶ 27. HAREC disputes these allegations as all communications to CNAN were made through Igen Sea through Igen Sea's broker, Oceanic. See Hashwani Decl. ¶

Using the <u>MAG Portfolio Consultants</u> factors as a guide, it is noteworthy to consider the evidence that CNAN has not furnished in support of its alter ego allegation against HAREC:

- 1. Failure to follow corporate formalities;³
- 2. Inadequate or under capitalization;
- 3. Commingling of corporate and personal funds;
- 4. Commonality (e.g. shared office space, address, telephone number, employees, officers or directors);
- 5. Lack of Igen Sea autonomy;
- 6. Failure to deal at arm's length;⁴
- 7. HAREC's use of Igen Sea as a "profit center";
- 8. Use of Igen Sea to pay debts of HAREC;
- 9. Use by Igen Sea of HAREC's property as if it were Igen Sea's property;
- 10. Any financial evidence linking Igen Sea and HAREC; or
- 11. Any representations made by HAREC to CNAN, or any other third party, that it was the party responsible for Igen Sea's debts.

CNAN's alter ego allegations are insufficient to establish HAREC and Igen Sea are related companies. The Verified Complaint contains nothing beyond mere conjecture and speculation, rather than any <u>actual evidence</u> showing any linkage between HAREC and Igen Sea that would serve to support a finding by this Court that the corporate veil may be pierced.

CNAN also alleges that HAREC and Igen are related companies based on fraud. CNAN alleges:

³ Pakistani, and not U.S., corporate requirements would be relevant to such an analysis.

⁴ The freight commission paid to Igen Sea demonstrates that it received consideration under the Igen Sea-HAREC Fixture Recap.

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Upon information and belief and, in the alternative, the name Igen Sea Shipping has been used and interposed by HAREC as a trade or fictitious name as an artifice to divert and defraud lawful creditors of HAREC and is an attempt to improperly insulate HAREC from debts incurred for its ultimate benefit.

See Plaintiff's Complaint at ¶23. When a plaintiff pleads an alter ego theory on the basis of fraud, those allegations must meet the particularity requirements of Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, Rule 9(b). FRCP 9(b) provides, "[i]n alleging fraud or mistake, a party must state with particularity the circumstances constituting fraud or mistake."

Federal Rules of Civil Procedure 9(b) sets forth a heightened pleading standard for allegations of fraud: In all averments of fraud or mistake, the circumstances constituting fraud or mistake shall be stated with particularity. In order to comply with Rule 9, the complaint must: (1) specify the statements that the plaintiff contends were fraudulent, (2) identify the speaker, (3) state where and when the statements were made, and (4) explain why the statements were fraudulent."

Lerner v. Fleet Bank, N.A., 459 F.3d 273, 290 (2006). CNAN has failed to meet its burden as it has only put forth conclusory allegations "based upon information and belief" of any alleged attempts to defraud. However, CNAN has not adequately stated with particularity any statements or actions which it contends were fraudulent. Further, even if this were so, which it is not, CNAN accepted the HAREC payments in satisfaction of Igen Sea's debt to CNAN and it is hard to understand why CNAN should be permitted to simultaneously enjoy, and then complain, about such fraudulent business practices.

Importantly, these same kind of allegations have previously been litigated before this Court. See Salam International Transport & Trading Co. v. Igen Sea Shipping and Hassan Ali Rice Export Co., 06 Civ. 2841 (RMB) (May 25, 2006). In that case, Judge Berman, in considering the exact same issue, found that the plaintiff had failed to offer sufficient evidence

that HAREC and Igen Sea were alter egos. Judge Berman, after considering all the evidence, found that "Plaintiff had not presented enough evidence of reasonable grounds for piercing the corporate veil." Id. at 4. This is because HAREC and Igen Sea are not alter egos. As is the case here, Judge Berman found that "there [was] no evidence (i.e. no reasonable grounds to believe) that [HAREC] is Igen Sea's alter ego. For example, there was no evidence that Igen Sea lacked the 'formalities and paraphernalia that are part and parcel of the corporate existence'; 'no evidence that there was any 'overlap in ownership, officers, directors, and personnel' between Igen Sea and Hassan Ali." Id.; quoting Wm. Passalacqua Builders, Inc. v. Resnick Developers S., Inc., 993 F.2d 131, 139 (2nd Cir. 1991); DeJesus v. Sears, Roebuck & Co., Inc. 87 F.3d 65, 70 (2nd Cir. 1996). See copy of decision and order in Salam International Transport & Trading Co. v. Igen Sea Shipping and Hassan Ali Rice Export Co. attached hereto as Exhibit 16.

Accordingly, CNAN has alleged insufficient and inadequate evidence of an alter ego relationship between Igen Sea and HAREC. CNAN has not established a basis upon which the corporate veil may be pierced in this case and therefore has failed to meet its burden of proof to sustain the attachment against HAREC.

C. CNAN's Alter Ego Allegation Should be Dismissed

CNAN has offered virtually no evidence to support its alter ego allegation. Such deficient pleading and evidentiary showing is insufficient for a federal court sitting in admiralty to disregard the corporate veil. *See* Status International S.A. v. M&D Maritime Ltd., 994 F. Supp. 182, 186 (S.D.N.Y. 1998). CNAN cannot sustain its burden of sustaining its attachment under the law established in the Second Circuit for assessing alter ego liability. There is a complete absence of any showing by CNAN regarding commonality of ownership, management, personnel, premises, failure to deal at arm's length, or any of the other alter ego indicia against

HAREC. This was the case at the time the attachment was obtained and it is the case now.

When presented with such a deficient alter ego case — essentially an utter absence of any arguable claim or *prima facie* basis that HAREC and Igen Sea are indistinguishable — the Court should properly act to vacate the attachment. *See* <u>Isbrandtsen Co., Inc. v. Henry P. Lenaghan,</u> 1955 AMC 80 (S.D.N.Y. 1955). CNAN is incapable of providing any sufficient evidence in support of its allegation of an alter ego relationship between Igen Sea and HAREC.

CNAN has failed to establish any probable cause that HAREC is the alter ego of Igen Sea and thus its Rule B attachment should be vacated.

CONCLUSION

For all of the foregoing reasons, CNAN's attachment should be vacated as against HAREC at CNAN's cost and expense. CNAN should also be ordered to pay HAREC interest on the attached funds at the prevailing rate for 28-day U.S. Treasury obligations from the date the funds were restrained until they are released if the funds have not otherwise been deposited into an interest-bearing account at the garnishee banks. HAREC also respectfully requests that this Court grant it such other and further relief as it deems just and equitable.

Dated: New York, NY June 20, 2008

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By: Anne C. Le Vasseur

EXHIBIT 1

1 Shipbroker	RECOMMENDED	
	RECOMMENDED THE BALTIC AND INTERNATIONAL MARITIME COUNCIL	
OCEANIC SHIPPING & TRADING CO.	UNIFORM GENERAL CHARTER (AS REVISED 1922, 1976 and 1884)	
MARINE PRIDE BUILDING, SUITE # 402,	(To be used for trades for which no specially approved form is in force)	
P/NO. BC-2, BLOCK-7, K.D.A. SCHEME-5	CODE NAME: "GENCON"	
KARACHI	2 Place and date	
•	KARACHI - 07-11-2005	
3 Owners/Place of business (Cl.1)	4 Charterers/Place of business (Cl.1)	
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CLAUSE 27

ALL NEGOTIATIONS AND EVENTUAL FIXTURE TO REMAIN STRICTLY P&C

VESSEL DETAILS

Name: .MV AJN OUSSERA.

Type: SLTRM SDBC Built:..June 1983 / JAPAN. Official Reg No :...IMO 8220321

Call Sign/Inmarsat No :...7TQV/ 460500481

Class Reg/Number/Notation :: B.V./900G73 /I 3- 3 BC Esp Deep Sea

Flag / Port of Reg :... Algerian/Algiers

Hull Underwriters: .Societe Algerienne D'assurances (S.A.A.)

H&M Value :.. USD 3,125,000.00.

P&I Club :.. American Steamship Owners Mutual Association

Crew Nationality : Algerian grt / nrt : 18784 / 10528

Loa / Lbp / Breadth / Depth: 174,00 / 165,00 / 26,00 / 14,80 m.

Distance from water line to upper deck: 4.190 m.

Dead Weight/Draft:

Summer:.. 30,197 mt / 10.660 m / Tpc: 40.2.

Winter:.29,307 mt / I0.438 m Tropical:..31,091 mt / I0.882 m

Holds / Hatches: 5 Ho/5 Ha Mac Gregor / folding type hatch

covers.

Hold dim.(LxBxH).

Hatch size

No I: 11,56 x 12,18 m. 20.40 x 17.50 x 13.20 m. No 2/3/4/5: 18,63 x 13,92 m. 26.70 x 17.50 x 13.20 m.

Strength (T/m2): Upper Deck; 4.0 / Hatch Cover: 2.5.

AS PER CLASS REQUIREMENT CARGO DENSITY TO BE BELOW 1.78 FOR

HOLDS

Hold Capacity (m3):

No 1 No 2 No 3 No 4 No 5

Grain: 4,959.9 8,384.9 8,451.7 8,452.3 8,216.0 Bale: 4,811.1 8,206.8 8,238.8 8,263.6 8,065.4 Total Grain / Bale: 38,464.80 / 37,630.50 m3

Gears / swl: 04 cranes x 25 T.

Main Engine: Sulzer type 6RLB66, Hp 9860

Speed / Consumption: ALL ABT

-at sea: abt 12 knts on ABT 25 mtpd Ifo 180 ÷ 3 mtpd Mgo.

-at port: IDLE abt 2 mt Mgo. / WW ABT 3 TPD MGO

Tank Capacity: Fo:1860 mt / Do: 243 mt / Fw: 287mt.

Last Dry Dock: April 2004, next S.S. Due: Oct. 2005.

ALL DTLS ABT N WOG

Holds/Hatches/Weather deck space without any obstacles: Yes

Vessel suitable for grab discharge: Yes

Vessel Grain fitted: Yes Vessel ITF approved: Yes Co2 fitted in holds: No

Vessel free from any encumbrances and/or any maritime lien: Yes

keel to highest point :45.80 m

waterline to highest point in fully ballast condition :39.00 m waterline to highest point in light ballast condition :41.37 m waterline to highest point in laden condition :35.14 m

waterline to top of hatchcoaming in fully ballast condition:
9.59 m
waterline to top of hatchcoaming in light ballast condition:
11.77 m
waterline to top of hatchcoaming in laden condition: 5.55 m

height of hatch above weather deck: 1.40 m tanktop to underside of closed hatch covers: 14.55 m

tanktop to underside weatherdeck: 13.05 m.

top of hopper to underside weatherdeck: 8.90 m top of hopper to bottom of wing tanks: 5.90 m

qty of constant on board: 350 mt qty of unpumpable bunkers: 30 m3 qty of unpumpable ballast: 200 mt

Cargo Exclusions:

Vessel to be employed in carrying lawful harmless cargo in bulk of a density below 1.78 T/m3, excluding cement or sulphur (allowed only in big bags).

Excluding dangerous and inflammable goods, hot briquetted iron or direct reduced iron, live stock and scraps.

Excluding petroleum or its product, tar, asphalt, railway wagons, nuclear materials, radioactive products, calcium carbide, acids, creosoted goods, motor blocks and turnings shavings, calcium hydrochloride, ammonium nitrate, nitrates except fertilizer grade, arms, ferrosilicon, fish meal, copra, quebracke extracts, hides, sunflower seeds, expellers, sponge iron, raw asbestos, black powder, pitch in bulk and drums, blasting caps, bombs (loaded or not), charcoal, feed weed, meat, bone meal, cotton, dangerous goods, IMO 3/4/5 goods. General cargo, steel products and any heavy cargo to be loaded as per permissible strength of vessel structure and according to Class Reg, requirements.

Concentrates to be loaded in accordance with IMO regulation.

Transport of agricultural and forest products allowed providing exportation of such products permitted by local Authorities.

Trading Limits.

Lawful trades via safe ports, safe berths, safe anchorages always affoat always accessible (naabsa excluded) always within International Warranty Limits within med - far east range only,

Excluding Cis ports, Australia, New Zealand, War or Warlike zones.

QUESTIONAIRE

General

Last updated: by:

- 1.1 Vessel Ain Oussera
- 1.2 Previous Names Cosmos Victory
- 1.3 Flag Algerian
- 1.4 Construction date 28.06.83
- 1.4 Construction place Tsuneishi Shipbuilding Co. ltd Japan
- 1.5 Yard name and no. tsuncishi shipbuilding nr 516
- 1.6 Official class register no. BV N R 900G73
- 1.6 Lloyds number
- 1.7 Class of vessel Bulk Carrier
- 1.8 Port of Registry Algiers Algeria
- 1.9 Owners CNAN GROUP spa

1.10 Managers - CNAN GROUP spa-

- 2. Particulars A
- 2.1 Vessel Type Bulk Carrier
- 2.2 DWAT/Draft/Immersion

DWAT metric

Type Tons Draft TPI/TPC TYPE

Summer / 10.660 M / 30.197 MT / 40.2

Winter / 10.438 M / 29.307 MT / 40.0

Tropical / 10.882 M / 31.091 MT / 40.3

Fresh Water /10.893 M / 30.196 MT / 40.3

Tropical FW / 11.115 M / 31.072 MT / 40.5

2.3 Is vessel fitted for transit:

Panama Canal - YES

Suez Canal - YES

St Lawrence Seaways

- 2.4 Panama: State deadweight / cert is taken by panama canal to renew
- 2.5 Affect by bilge turn radius
- 2.6 St Lawrence: State deadweight / no
- 2.7 GT/NT

International / 18784 T / 10528 T

Sucz / 19460.58 T / 16863.80 T

Panama / 15695 T

British

- 2.8 Length overall (meters) 174.00 M
- 2.9 Length between perpendiculars 165.00 M
- 2.10 Extreme breadth 26.00 M
- 2.10 Depth moulded 14.80 M
- 2.11 Distance form waterline to top of hatch:

Fully loaded

Full ballast (holds not flooded) - 9M 59

Full ballast (holds flooded)

- 2. Particulars B
- 2.12 Deballasting time / approx 300cm/h- 30hrs
- 2.13 Accepted loading rate
- 2.14 Distance from keel to:

Hatch top - 20.00m

Highest fixed point of vessel - 45.80 m

- 2.15 Capacity Ballast tanks 9172 cm
- 2.15 Capacity Hold ballast nil

Hold numbers - 05

- 2.16 Constants excl fresh water 350 t
- 2.16 Daily fresh water consumption frm 7 to 10 mt
- 2.16 Fresh water capacity 460 cm

- 2.16 Capacity/production evaporator out of order
- 2.16 Normal fresh water reserve 20mt
- 2.17 Fitted with shaft generator no
- 2.18 Onboard electric supply v/hz / 440 volts / 60 hz
- 2.18 Details of alternative supply / 24v batteries
- 3.1 Holds
- A Number of holds / 05
- B Holds free of obstruction / yes
- C Capacity CUBM CBFT Grain/Bale
- 38464.8 cm / 1358.384 cft 37630.5 cbm / 1328.921 cbft
- E Strengthened for heavy cargo Empty holds nr 3
- F Tanktop Steel 17 mt / sm
- G Corrugations
- I Holds Co2 fitted / no
- J Smoke detection / no
- K Australian holdladders / yes
- L Stowage calculator / yes
- P Ventilation Air changes per hour / natural
- 3.2 Hatches
- A Number of hatches / 10
- B Make and type of hatchcovers / mac gregor
- F Distance from bow to fore of 1st hold / 15m
- G Distance from stem to aft of last hold / 59.0 m.
- H Vessel fitted with cement holes yes
- Speed and Consumption / 12 kts / 25 mt ifo / 3mt mgo
- 4,1 Beaufort Scale Douglas sea state 3
 - IFO MDO MGO
- 4.2 Bunker Grades / ifo: 180 cst/rme 25 mgo: 4,3 cst density 15dg c: 0.8547
- 4.3 Bunker capacities 100% / ifo: 1813 cm mgo: 243 cbm
- 4.3 Bunker capacities 96% / ifo: 1813 cm mgo: 210 cbm
- 4.4 Consumption port idle / ifo: nil ___mgo: 2mt
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- 4.4 Consumption port 24 hrs /ifo: nil gear wrking mgo:3mt
- 4.5 Engine make and type / ihi sulzer type: 6rlb66
- 4.6 Max. output BHP/max. mco. 9860ps x 119rpm//cso: 9800ps x 106rpm
- Bankers
- Classification
- 6.1 Classification society / bureau veritas
- 6.2 Date of last special survey / may 04
- 6.3 Date of last annual survey / may 04
- 6.4 Vessel in enhanced survey program / yes by

- 6.4 Date of last inspection / may 04
- 6.4 Date of next inspection / may 05 annual
- 6.5 Date of last drydock / may 04
- 6.5 Place of last drydock / chenxi shipyard, china
- 6.6 Pollution incidents, last 12 mos / none
- 6.6 Details of pollution incident / n/a
- 6.7 Groundings/collisions, last 12 mos / none
- 6.7 Details of grounding/collision / n/a
- 6.8 ISM certified / yes
- 6.8 Issued by / burcau veritas
- 6.8 Date of issue / 02 july 2004
- 6.8 Expiry date / 08 may 2009
- 6.8 Date of last audit / 28 may 2004
- 6.8 Date of next audit
- 6.8 Recommendations / none
- 6.8 DOC certified
- 6.8 Issued by / bureau veritas
- 6.8 Date of issue / 19 march 2004
- 6.8 Expiry date / 01 dec 2008
- 6.9 Date of last port state control / NOV 2004
- 6.9 Place of last port state control / RAVENNA, italy
- 6.10 Passed without detentions
- 6.11 Crew ITF covered
- 6.12 ITF number / none
- 6.12 ITF issue date / none
- 6.12 ITF expiry date / none
- 6.13 Certificates

Issue date Last annual endorsement Expiry date

Special survey

Loadline / 27.09.04 / sept 04/ bv / 28 may 2009

Safety equipment / 08 oct 04 / 08 oct 04 / by / 07 dcc 04

Gear survey / 27 may 04 / 27 may 04/ by

Safety radio / 08 oct 04 / 08 oct 04 / bv / 07 march 05

Int. oil pollution / 27 sept 04 / 27 sept 04 / bv / 28 may 09

Deratisation / 21 may 04 - 20 nov 04

- 6.14 Recommendations to certificates / safety equipment
- 6.14 Recommendation details / batteries for life jacket to be changed
- 6.15 IMO registration number / 8220321
- 6.16 Expiry date of FMC certificate
- 6.17 ISPS CODE/CERTIFICATE / by issue date 30.06.04
- 7. Communication
- 7.1 Call sign / 7tqv
- 7.2 Name of radio station / skanti
- 7.3 Inmarsat A phone number/mini-m phone nr: 00873 763011066/67

- 7.4 Inmarsat A fax number/mini-m fax nr: 00873 763011068
- 7.5 Inmarsat A telex number none
- 7.6 Jamarsat C telex number/jmm: 460500481/ rtlx: 58162
- 7.7 e-mail address / nil
- 8. Insurance
- 8.1 Hull and machinery insured value / usd 3,125,000.00
- 8.2 Name of Owners P and I insurers / american club
- 9. Crew
- 9.1 Number of crew / 28
- 9.2 Name of master /
- 9.2 Nationality of master / algerian
- 9.3 Nationality of officers / algerian ± 01 burmese
- 9.4 Nationality of crew / algerian
- 10. Miscellaneous
- 10.1 Called at Far East Ports Called at When / may 04 Called at Where / chengxi shipyard
- 10.2 Last 5 Cargoes

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- l grain
- 2 cement
- 3 hbi
- 4 logs
- 5 steels
- 10.3 Fitted for carriage of grain in accordance with chapter IV Solas 1974 and amendments without requiring bagging With ends untrimmed
- 10.4 Number of holds which may be left slack without requiring bagging, strapping and securing / l
- 11 Cargo Gear
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- 11.1 Gear, type / crane
- 11.2 Number of cranes/derricks / 04 cranes

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=DAST THREE CARGOES WITH C/P DATES :

OWNS CONFIRM:

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=VSL IS NOT SOLD/WILL NOT BE SOLD FOR SCRAP DURING THIS VOYAGE =VSL IS NOT CONTROLLED/OWN2D/MANAGED BY TSRAELI INTERESTS

OWNERS HAVE PROVIDED FOLLOWING CERTIFICATES:

- -CLASS
- -PNI
- -HNM
- -CARGO GEAR

CLAUSE 28

100 PCT FREIGHT LESS ADCOM / BROKERAGE / UNDISPUTED DESPATCH AT LOAD TO BE PAID TO OWNERS WITHIN 5 BANKING DAYS UPON COMPLETION OF LOADING AND AFTER S/R BS/L MARKED "FREIGHT PAYABLE AS PER C/P".

FULL FREIGHT DEEMED EARNED UPON COMPLETION OF LOADING DISCOUNTLESS AND NON-RETURNABLE VESSEL AND/OR CARGO LOST OR NOT LOST. IF CHARTERERS NEED BILLS OF LADING MARKED "FREIGHT PREPAID" THEN OWNERS TO ISSUE THE SAME AFTER OWNERS BANK CONFIRMS THAT FREIGHT HAS BEEN RECRIVED.

FREIGHT RATE TO BE BASED UPON THE GROSS WEIGHTING UANTITY AS PER B/L. BILLS OF LADING TO SHOW NET AND GROSS WEIGHT OF CARGO LOADED.

FREIGHT TO BE REMITTED TO OWNERS NOMINATED BANK ACCOUNT AS PER FREIGHT INVOICE.

CLAUSE 29

CARGO TO BE LOADED AND STOWED FREE OF ANY LIABILITY AND EXPENSE TO THE VESSEL / OWNERS AT THE AVERAGE RATE OF 2,000 METRIC TONS BASIS MIN 4 WORKING HOOKS PER WEATHER WORKING DAY OF 24 CONSECUTIVE HOURS SUNDAY HOLIDAY EXCLUDED EVEN IF USED. TIME FROM 12:00 HOURS SATURDAY OR ON A DAY PRECEEDING HOLIDAY TO 08:00 HOURS MONDAY OR A DAY FOLLOWING HOLIDAY NOT TO COUNT EVEN IF USED. PRO RATA IF VESSEL HAS LESS THAN 4 WORKING HOOKS.

NOTICE OF READINESS AT LOAD PORT TO BE TENDERED BY TLX OR CABLE OR IN WRITING WWWW PROVIDED VESSEL HAS ARRIVED AT CUSTOMARY WAITING PLACE DURING OFFICE HOURS I.E. BETWEEN 0900-1700 HOURS MONDAY-FRIDAY AND 0900-1200 HOURS ON SATURDAY.

TIME STARTS TO COUNT 24 RUNNING HOURS AFTER TENDERING N.O.R.

IN THE EVENT VESSEL ARRIVES AT THE LOAD PORT PRIOR TO COMMENCEMENT OF HER LAYDAYS IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT SHE CAN ONLY TENDER HER N.O.R. ON THE FIRST LAYDAY UNLESS OTHERWISE AGREED BY CHARTERERS.

CLAUSE 30:

OWNERS / MASTER TO SERVE NOTICE OF FIXING THEN FOLLOWED TO 24 HOURS DEFINITE NOTICE OF READINESS TO LOAD TO BE GIVEN TO CHARTERERS. IF 24 HOURS DEFINITE NOTICE OF READINESS NOT GIVEN THEN LAYTIME WILL BE DELAYED BY 24 HOURS.

CLAUSE 31:

AT LOADING PORT VESSEL TO BE TENDERED WITH CLEAN, DRY AND SWEPT HOLDS FREE FROM RESIDUES OF PREVIOUS CARGOES AND FROM OBJECTIONABLE SMELLS. IF THIS IS NOT DONE, TIME STARTS TO COUNT 24 RUNNING HOURS AFTER SURVEYORS PASS HOLDS.

CLAUSE 32:

KRAFT PAPER TO BE FOR CHARTERERS ACCOUNT AND TO BE LAID DOWN BY CHARTERERS SERVANTS AT CHARTERERS TIME AND EXPENSES, OWNERS TO CONTRIBUTE USD 2,500 LUMPSUM.

CLAUSE 33:

CLEAN MATE'S RECEIPTS TO BE SIGNED FOR EACH PARCEL OF RICE WHEN ON BOARD, MASTER HAVING THE RIGHT TO REFUSE CARGO WHICH IS NOT CLEAN AND MASTER OR CHARTERERS AGENT ON HIS WRITTEN AUTHORITY TO SIGN "CONGEN BILL OF LADING" BILLS OF LADING IN ACCORDANCE THEREWITH ACCORDING TO MATE'S RECEIPTS. F.I.O.S. BILLS OF LADING TO BE ISSUED CLAUSED "FREIGHT PAYABLE AS PER CHARTER PARTY" BUT ONCE FREIGHT HAS BEEN RECEIVED IN OWNERS ACCOUNT, OWNERS AGREE FOR BILLS OF LADING TO BE MARKED "FREIGHT PAID" OR "FREIGHT PRE-PAID". BAGS RESUSED BY MASTER TO BE SUBSTITUTED WITH SOUND ONES BY CHARTERERS / SHIPPERS.

CLAUSE 34:

CHARTERERS HAVE THE REGHT TO LOAD UPTO 3% EMPTY BAGS CALCULATED ON THE NUMBER OF BAGS LOADED FREE OF CHARGE. SEPARATE BILL OF LADING TO BE ISSUED FOR EMPTY BAGS.

CLAUSE 35:

LATEST 5 DAYS FROM SAILING LOADING PORT, MASTER TO SEND FAX OR CABLE OR EMAIL TO CHARTERERS STATING GROSS AND NET QUANTITITES AND NUMBER OF BAGS STATED ON BILLS OFLADING AND SAILING DATE.

UPON DECLARATION OF DISCHARGE PORT OWNERS / MASTER TO GIVE FIRST APPROX NOTICE TO CHARTERERS A/O TO ANY OTHER PARTY ADVISED BY CHARTERERS OF VESSEL'S STA DISCHARGE PORT AND EXPECTED DRAFT UPON ARRIVAL THERE FOLLOWED BY 5/3 DAYS APPROXIMATE AND 24 HOURS DEFINITE NOTICE, WHICHEVER IS POSSIBLE IN RESPECT OF THE DISTANCE FROM VESSEL'S GEOGRAPHICAL POSITION AND DECLARED PORT OF DISCHARGE. IF 24 HOURS DEFINITE NOTICE IS NOT GIVEN THEN LAYTIME WILL BE DELAYED BY 24 HOURS.

CHARTERERS TO BE KEPT WELL ADVISED ABOUT ANY ALTERATIONS OF VESSEL'S POSITION AND OWNERS / MASTER TO COMMUNICATE TO CHARTERERS THE DATE WHEN VESSEL LEAVES THE PREVIOUS PORT OF CALL.

CLAUSE 36:

IF UPON ARRIVAL OFF PORT OF LOADING THE VESSEL CANNOT ENTER PORT DUE TO CONGESTION THE MASTER MAY TENDER NOTICE OF READINESS BY RADIO, AND LAYTIME SHALL COMMENCE TO COUNT, WHETHER IN PORT OR NOT, WHETHER IN BERTH OR NOT, WHETHER IN FREE PRATIQUE OR NOT, WHETHER CUSTOMS CLEARED OR NOT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TERMS OF THIS CHARTER PARTY. IF, UPON ENTERING PORT, VESSEL FAILS TO OBTAIN FREE PRATIQUE OR CUSTOMS CLEARANCE OR IS FOR ANY OTHER REASON FOUND UNFIT TO LOAD THE CARGO, THEN TIME NOT TO COUNT AS LAYTIME UNTIL VESSEL COMMENCES LOADING OR EXPIRY OF 24 HOURS AFTER TENDERING N.O.R. WHICHEVER LATER.

CLAUSE 37:

NOTICE OF READINESS AT DISCHARGE PORT TO BE TENDERED BY TLX OR CABLE OR IN WRITING WWWW PROVIDED VESSEL HAS ARRIVED AT CUSTOMARY WAITING PLACE, DURING OFFICE HOURS (MONDAY-FRIDAY 09:00 - 12:00 HOURS).

TIME TO COUNT 24 RUNNING HOURS AFTER TENDERING OF N.O.R.

CHARTERERS OPTION TO USE PORT(S) IN WEST AFRICA NON-GEOGRAPHICAL.

TIME TAKEN FROM ANCHORAGE TO DISCHARGE BERTH SHALL BE CONSIDERED PART OF THE VOYAGE AND SHALL NOT COUNT AS LAYTIME EVEN IF THE VESSEL IS ALREADY ON DEMURRGE.

CLAUSE 38:

CARGO TO BE DISCHARGED FREE OF EXPENSE TO THE VESSEL AT THE AVERAGE RATE OF 1,000 METRIC TONS BASIS MIN 4 WORKING HOOKS PER WEATHER WORKING DAY OF 24 CONSECUTIVE HOURS, SUNDAYS HOLIDAY EXCLUDED EVEN IF USED. TIME FROM 12:00 HOURS SATURDAY OR ON A DAY PRECEDING HOLIDAY TO 08:00 HOURS MONDAY OR A DAY FOLLOWING HOLIDAY NOT TO COUNT EVEN IF USED.

AT ALL PORTS BOTH ENDS ANY BERTH USED TO BE "GOOD, SAFE AND ALWAYS AFLOAT".

CLAUSE 39:

IF CARGO IS STOWED IN ALLEWAYS, BUNKERS TANKS, DEEP TANKS OR OTHER AWKWARD PLACES OWNERS SHALL PAY THE EXTRA LABOUR COST OF LOADING AND DISCHARGING FROM SUCH PLACES AND SHALL ALLOW CHARTERERS ADDITIONAL DOUBLE LAYTIME FOR LOADING AND DISCHARGING, NO BAGS TO BE CUT FOR STOWAGE PURPOSES.

CLAUSE 40:

SHIP TO GIVE FREE USE AT ALL TIMES BY DAY AND BY NIGHT OF POWER WINCHES, GEAR AND TACKLE IN GOOD WORKING CONDITION. ALSO FULL LIGHTS FOR NIGHT WORK ON DECK AND IN THE HOLDS, IF REQUIRED. ALL CARGO GEARS ABLE TO WORK AT ALL HATCHES SIMULTANEOUSLY AT ALL TIMES.

CLAUSE 41:

SHIPPERS / RECEIVERS WILL BE PERMITTED TO LOAD AND DISCHARGE OUTSIDE ORDINARY WORKING PERIODS AND DURING EXCEPTED PERIODS, THE OWNERS PROVIDING FREE OF CHARGE ALL

VESSEL'S FACILITIES INCLUDING SERVICES OF OFFICERS AND CREW. IN THE EVENT OF A BREAKDOWN OF GEAR / DERRICKS / WINCHES BY REASON OF DISABLEMENT OR INSUFFICIENT POWER TIME NOT TO COUNT. IF OWNERS INSUEAD ELECT TO WORK WITH SHORE GEAR FOR THEIR ACCOUNT TIME TO COUNT IN FULL.

CLAUSE 42:

IF PERMITTED BY LOCAL REGULATIONS / AUTHORITIES, FIRST OPENING AND LAST CLOSING OF HATCHES, INCLUDING THE HANDLING AND SHIFTING OF BEAMS AT BOTH ENDS TO BE CARRIED OUT BY VESSEL FOR VESSEL'S ACCOUNT AND TIME NOT TO COUNT.

CLAUSE 43:

LAYTIME NON-REVERSIBLE

CLAUSE 44:

SHORE SIDE TALLY TO BE FOR CHARTERERS ACCOUNT BENDS. SHIP IS SIDE TALLY DONE BY CREW TO BE FOR OWNERS ACCOUNT BENDS.

CLAUSE 45:

DEMURRAGE/DESPATCH 8,000/- PDPR HALF DESPATCH, WORKING TIME SAVED AT BOTH ENDS.

DEMURRAGE/DESPATCH, IF ANY, TO BE SETTLED WITHIN 20 DAYS AFTER COMPLETION OF DISCHARGE AND SUBMISSION OF OWNERS LAYTIME CALCULATION FOR DEMURRAGE WITH SUPPORTING DOCUMETNS DULY SIGNED BY MASTER AND AGENTS AT BOTH ENDS AND AGREEMENT THEREOF.

CLAUSE 46:

CHARTERERS AGENT BENDS BASIS FREE D/A BENDS.

AT LOAD PORT:

OCEANWORLD (PRIVATE) LIMITED

EMAIL: owpl@fascom.com / oceanworld@cyber.net.pk

CLAUSE 47:

AT 2^{NS} DISCH PORT, VESSEL TO TENDER N.O.R. AS PER RIDER CLAUSE 37.

CLAUSE 48:

CHARTERERS HAVE THE OPTION TO FUMIGATE THE CARGO ON BOARD THE VESSEL AS PER CUSTOM OF THE PORT AT CHARTERES TIME AND EXPENSE, INCLUDING HOTEL ACCOMMODATION FOR CREW SHOULD REMOVAL OF CREW BE REQUIRED BY FUMIGATION OR LOCAL AUTHORITIES. IN ANY CASE, CHARTERERS WILL BE ALLOWED TO SPRAY THOSE EMPTY HOLDS TO BE USED FOR CARRIAGE OF THE RICE PLOR TO LOADING SAME, ALWAYS UNDER MASTER'S SUPERVISION IN ACCORDANCE WITH RECOMMENDATIONS / REGULATIONS AND/OR LOCAL AUTHORITIES AND TIME NOT TO COUNT AS LAYTIME. AFTER FUMIGATION OF HATCHES ON COMPLETION OF LOADING CARGO, HATCHES TO REMAIN CLOSED FOR 48 - 72 HRS AS NECESSARY DURING THE VOYAGE AFTER WHICH MASTER WILL OPEN THEM FOR VENTILATION SUBJECT TO WEATHER CONDITIONS.

CLAUSE 49:

ALL TAXES AND / OR DUES AT LOAD AND DISCHARGE PORT ON VESSEL AND/OR FLAG AND / OR OWNERSHIP AND/OR FREIGHT TO BE FOR OWNERS ACCOUNT.

ALL TAXES AND/OR DUES AT LOAD AND DISCHARGE PORT ON CARGO TO BE FOR CHARTERERS ACCOUNT.

OVERAGE PREMIUM TO 88 FOR CHARTERERS ACCOUNT, OWNERS TO CONTRIBUTE USD 2,500/ LUMPSOM.

CLAUSE 50:

OVERTIME FOR THE ACCOUNT OF PARTY ORDERING THE SAME. IF ORDERED BY PORT AUTHORITIES SAME TO BE FOR CHARTERERS / SHIPPERS / RECEIVERS ACCOUNT.

OFFICERS AND CREW OVERTIME ALWAYS FOR OWNER'S ACCOUNT.

CLASUE 51:

THE FREIGHT RATE UNDER THIS CHARTER PARTY IS TO BE KEPT ENTERELY CONFIDENTIAL FROM ALL THIRD PARTIES.

CLASUE 52:

VESSEL TO BE LEFT IN SHAWORTHY TRIM BETWEEN BERTHS / PORT TO MASTER'S SATISFACTION.

FIRST SHIFTING BETWEEN BERTH(S) IF ANY TO BE FOR OWNERS EXPENSES AND TIME NOT TO COUNT. BEYOND FIRST SHIFTING (IF ANY) PORT SHIFTING CHARGES TO BE FOR CHARTERERS ACCOUNT AND TIME TO COUNT. ANY SHIFTING DUE TO PORT CONVENIENCE TO BE FOR CHARTERERS ACCOUNT TIME NOT TO COUNT.

CLAUSE 53:

DISCHARGE PORT(S) TO BE DECLARED LATEST WITHIN 15 DAYS AFTER COMPLETION OF LOADING.

CHARTERERS TO ENSURE THAT CARGO LOADED IS AS PER PORT ROTATION.

CLUASE 54:

OWNERS WARRANT THAT THE VESSEL IS OR WILL BE PRIOR TO TENDERING ANY NOTICE OF READINESS, ELIGIBLE FOR TRADING TO THE PORTS AND PLACES SPECIFIED FOR THE VOYAGE AND IN FULL COMPLIANCE WITH ALL LAWS AND REGULATIONS OF ALL PORT AUTHORITIES AND OF ALL OTHER GOVERNMENTAL AUTHORITIES HAVING JURISDICTION AS INTERPRETED AND APPLIED BY SUCH AUTHORITIES, WHICH APPLY TO THE VESSEL OR WHICH REGULATES LOADING OR DISCHARGING AS CONTEMPLATED IN THIS CHARTER, ANY TIME LOST BY FAILURE OF THE VESSEL TO MAINTAIN SUCH ELIGIBILITY OR TO BE IN SUCH COMPLIANCE SHALL NOT COUNT AS USED LAYTIME OR TIME ON DEMURRAGE.

ANY EXPENSES IN OBTAINING ELIGIBILITY OR TO COME INTO COMPLIANCE OR INCURRED DUE TO NON-ELIGIBILITY OR NON-COMPLIANCE SHALL BE FOR OWNER'S ACCOUNT.

OWNER'S WARRANT THAT THE VESSEL HAS NOT ENTERED AND WILL NOT ENTER ANY PORT IN VIOLATION OF ANY APLICABLE RESTRICTIONS OF GOVERNMENT HAVING JURISDICTION.

OWNERS AND/OR THEIR PNI TO PUT UNDERTAKING / GUARANTEE AT LOME FOR EVENTUAL SHORTAGE CLAIM, HOWEVER CHARTERERS WILL TAKE CARE AND FACILITATE OWNERS BY PUTTING GUARANTEE OR CASH SETTLEMENT WITH REGARDS TO ANY EVENTUAL CUSTOMS FINES DUE TO EVENTUAL SHORTAGES, WHICH WILL BE SETTLED LATER DIRECTLY WITH OWNERSW AMICABLY.

CLAUSE 55:

VESSEL TO BE IN POSESSION OF A VALID CERTIFICATE OF EFFICIENCY FOR WINCHES AND DERRICKS FOR THE DURATION OF THE ENTIRE CHARTER.

CLAUSE 56:

OWNERS WARRANT THAT THE VESSEL IS COVERED BY A VALID INSURANCE POLICY IN RESPECT OF OIL POLLUTION RISKS AND THAT SHE CARRIES ON BOARD INSURANCE CERTIFICATE AS DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE THEREOF.

CLAUSE 57:

NEW BOTH TO BLAME COLLISION CLAUSE, NEW JASON CLAUSE, PANDI CLUB BUNKER CLAUSE, GENERAL PARAMOUNT CLAUSE & BIMCO ISM CLAUSE, ARE DEEMED TO BE INCORPORATED IN THIS CHARTER PARTY.

CHARTERERS WILL IN ALL RESPECT ASSIST OWNERS TO SOLVE THE PROBLEMS WITH STEVEDORES IN CASE OF STEVEDORING DAMAGE TO SHIP'S HULL AND OR CARGO GEAR / SUPERSTRUCTURES.

CLAUSE 58:

THIS CHARTER PARTY SHALL BE GOVERNED BY AND CONSTRUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH ENGLISH LAW AND ANY DISPUTE ARISING OUT OF THIS CHARTER PARTY SHALL BE REFERRED TO ARBITRATION IN LONDON IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ARBITRATION ACTS 1950 AND 1979 OR ANY STATUTORY MODIFICATION OR RE-ENECTMENT THEREOF FOR THE TIME BEING IN FORCE, UNLESS BOTH PARTIES AGREE UPON A SOLE ARBITRATOR, ONE ARBITRATOR SHALL BE APPOINTED BY

EACH PARTY AND THE ARBITRATORS SO APPOINTED SHALL APPOINT A THIRD ARBITRATOR. THE DECISION OF THE THREE-MAN TRIBUNAL THUS CONSTITUTED OR ANY TWO OF THEM SHALL BE FINAL.

ON THE RECEIPT BY ONE PARTY OF THE NOMINATION IN WRITING OF THE OTHER PARTY'S ARBITRATOR, THE PARTY SHALL APPOINT THEIR ARBITRATOR WITHIN 14 DAYS, FAILING WHICH THE DECISION OF THE SINGLE ARBITRATOR APPOINTED SHALL BE FINAL.

ANY CLAIM MUST BE MADE IN WRITING AND CLAIMANT'S ARBITRATOR APPOINTED WITHIN 12 MONTHS OF FINAL DISCHARGE AND WHERE THIS PROVISION IS NOT COMPLIED WITH, THE CLAIM / DISPUTE,

WHETHER PERTAINING TO LIABILITY OR QUANTUM OR BOTH SHALL BE DEEMED TO BE EXTINGUISHED AND CEASE TO EXIST.

CLAUSE 59:

IN THE EVENT OF ORIGINAL BILL(S) OF LADING ARE DELAYED AND CAN NOT BE PRODUCED AT DISCHARGE PORT BY THE RECEIVERS IN TIME PRIOR DISCHARGING THEN CHARTERERS WOULD REQUEST OWNERS TO RELEASE THE ENTIRE CARGO TO RECEIVERS AGAINST LETTER OF INDEMNITY AS PER OWENRS PANDI CLUB WORDING ON CHARTERERS LETTER HEAD SIGNED BY CHARTERERS, RECIVERS TO ALSO PROVIDE SEPARATE DOI.

CLAUSE 60:

IF VESSEL IS DETAINED FOR OWNERS FAULT AT COAD/DISCHARGE PORT THEN ALL TIME SO LOST NOT TO COUNT AS LAYTIME OR TIME ON DEMURRAGE.

CLAUSE 61:

IF CARGO FOUND DAMAGED IN THE HOLDS THEN ALL EXPENSES TO SEPARATE THE CARGO TO BE FOR OWNERS ACCOUNT PROVIDED SAID DAMAGES ARE DUE TO VESSSL FAULT DULY PROVEN BY SURVEY REPORT. ALL TIME LOST / USED NOT TO COUNT AS LAY TIME OR TIME ON DEMURRAGE.

CLUASE 62:

VESSEL TO PROCEED DIRECTLY TO THE PORT OF DISCHARGE AS CROERED WITHOUT CALLING ANY OTHER PORT / EN ROUTE EXCEPT FOR BUNKERING, NO OPTION FOR LOADING OTHER CARGO WHATSOEVER FROM LOAD PORT OR ANY OTHER PORT.

CLAUSE 63:

MASTER / OWNERS TO DECLARE EXACT QUANTITY TO BE LOADED WITHIN 48 HOURS OF COMMENCEMENT OF LOADING.

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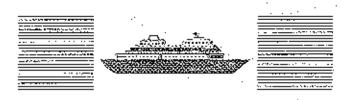
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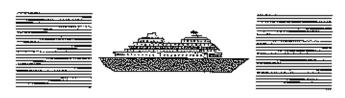
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L. CHUNDRIGAR ROAD,
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Re: FIXTURE RECAP FOR M.V. "AIN OUSSERA"

- · MV. AIN OUSSERA
- LOAD PORT 1- 2 SB(S) 1SP KARACHI PAKISTAN.
- DISCHARGE PORT 1 3 SBPA WEST AFRICA.
- CARGO: FULL LOAD (25000 MT) BAGGED RICE.
- FREIGHT USS 42.00 PMT FIOS BASIS 1/3 FREE D/A ALL PORTS.
- LAYTIME NON REVERSIBLE LOADING 2000 MT PWWD SHEX EIU
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- OUR COMMISSION 14% ON FREIGHT;
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FOR IGEN SEA SHIPPING



Igen Sea Shipping

Ground Floor Iftikhar Chambers Hasrat Mohani Road, Karachi - 74000 Phone: 92-21-8345918 Email-igensea@igenseashipping.com

Karachi, December 14, 2005

To,
M/s. Hassan Ali Rice Export Co.,
1st Floor, Cotton Exchange Building,
I. I. Chundrigar Road,
Karachi.

Dear Sir,

We invite your kind attention to Ocean Shipping & Trading Co's E-Mail dated 14/12/05 enclosing the revised invoices of CNAN Group SPA. Since we have difficulty in arranging prompt payment, we shall be obliged if you will make direct payments to them and also pay the 11/4% each to Helmgale Sarl and Ocean Trading & Shipping Co., Karachi. We shall also be obliged if you will pay the charges of the Karachi and discharge port ship agents.

Thanks & Best Regards.

Yours faithfully, For **Igen Sea Shipping**

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TO : HELMGALE SRLI ATT PAUL H.

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SUBJECT : MIV Ain Oussera / IGEAN SEA SHIPPING CIP 07/11/05

PLS FORWARD THE ATTACHED DOCUMENTS TO CHARTS: Mests igean sea shipping.

Cancel & replace our invoice n°138/05 , credit note n° 139/05, Credit note n° 140/5 on 08/12/2005.

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2,500,00 Total 974.975.6

We kindly request you to arrange remittance of USD 221,071.30 (Nine hundred twenty one thousand and seventy one US Dollars US 30 Cts)

To owners account:

- Account N:000,200,000,0 USD
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Sent: Subject: Monday, March 13, 2006 9:15 PM MV Am Quasara at Takoradi.

TO: Supermaritime Ghana

Afm: Mr. Pobee

Dear Sir.

Reference is made to our various correspondences and to our MV Ain Oussars presently at subcorage in Takoradi.

Please note that our bank (SG New York) has sent to your attention, original BLs covering 6800 MT of cargo loaded on poard the above mentioned vessel. Same was sent on Friday, March 10th 2006 with DHL nº 826. 5873 496 and should be delivered to your offices latest tomorrow Tuesday, March 14th 2006.

sase note that original BLs covering 2000 MT of rice cargo in favour of ESTF are already available at discharge port and will be presented to master upon request.

Please advise vessel master accordingly and confirm to him that berthing shall take place now. Kindly let us kow if moster still refuses to bring vessel at quay enabling immediate discharge of cargo.

Looking forward to hearing from you.

Best Regards

Анда Кала INTERCO (Suisse) S.A. / The Rice Company (Suisse) S.A.

Direct: +4122 775 0003 Mobilé: +4179/204/4773 ÷4122 775 0001 Fax:

IGENSEA

From:

"igen Sea Shipping" < gensea@igenseashipping.com>

To:

<he/mgale@he/mgale.f/>

Cc:

<farooq@osto-group.com>; "Oceanic Shipping & Trading Co." <chartering@osto-group.com>

Sent:

Wednesday, March 15, 2008 3:53 PM

Subject:

MV. AIN OUSSERA - BILLS OF LADING OF 6800 MT FOR TAKORADI.

TO: HELMGALE SARL/PAUL

CC: OCEANIC SHIPPING & TRADING CO.,

PLEASE REFER TO THE PRINTING ON THE FACE OF BILLS OF LADING BOX WHICH STATES

"SHIPPED AT THE PORT OF LOADING IN APPARENT GOOD ORDER AND CONDITION ON BOARD THE VESSEL FOR CARRIAGE TO THE PORT OF DISCHRGE OR SO NEAR THERETO AS SHE MAY SAFELY GET THE GOODS SPECIFIED ABOVE.

WEIGHT, MEASURE, QUALITY, QUANTITY, CONDITION, CONTENTS AND VALUE UNKNOWN.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF THE MASTER OR AGENT OF THE SAID VESSEL HAS SIGNED THE NUMBER OF BILLS OF LADING INDICATED BELOW ALL OF THIS TENOR AND DATE, ANY ONE OF WHICH BELYG ACCOMPLISHED THE OTHERS SHALL BE VOID "

IT IS A CLEAR AND NORMAL PRACTICE THAT IF ONE ORIGINAL B/L IS SURRENDERED TO MASTER OTHER 2 ORIGINAL B/L OF THE SET BECOME VOID.

THEREFORE ONE ORIGINAL B/L 18 SUFFICIENT FOR DISCHARGE. MAY WE REMIND YOU THAT AS PER C/P CLAUSE 59 OWNERS ARE BOUND TO DISCHARGE AGAINST LOI ONLY THEREFORE AS OWNERS BROKER YOU SHOULD PREVAIL ON THEM TO DISCHARGE CARGO WITHOUT FURTHER DELAYS.

BEST REGARDS.

IGEN SEA SHIPPING

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"Igen Sea Shipping" <igensea@igenseashipping.com> From:

To: <helmgale@helmgale,fr> Cc: <fareog@ostc-group:com>:"

<fareoq@ostc-group:com>; "Oceanic Shipping & Trading Co." <chartering@ostc-group.com>;

<supmartk@africaonline.com.gh>

Sent: Tuesday, March 21, 2006 1:14 PM

Subject: MV. AIN OUSSERA.

TO: HELMGALE SARL/PAUL

CC: SUPERMARITIME GHANA LTD

CC: OCEANIC SHIPPING & TRADING CO. (FOR OWNERS). Y/E-MAIL 21 MARCH 2006

SUB: MV. AIN OUSSERA - BILLS OF LADING OF 6800 MT FOR TAKORADI

REF NUM: PAUL 4607966/20-03/2006

WE INVITE YOUR ATTENTION TO OUR E-MAIL DATED 15/03/06. WE AGAIN REMIND YOU THAT ONE ORIGINAL B/L IS SUFFICIENT TO DISCHARGE OF CARGO AND WE HOLD OWNERS RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL TIME LOST, COSTS AND LOSSES.

BEST REGARDS.

IGEN SEA SHIPPING





Igen Sea Shipping

Ground Floor Iftikhar Chambers, Hasrat Mohani Road, Karachi - 74000

MARCH 29, 2006

REVISED-INVOICE

TO:

M/S. OCEANIC SHIPPING & TRADING CO.,

FAX # 5834785

ATTN:

MR. FAROOQ / MR. IMTIAZ

REF:

MV. AIN OUSSERAL

	U.S. DOLLARS DEBU	U.S. DOLLARS CREDIT
FREIGHT	1,052,604	-
COMM 5 PCT		52,630.00
OAP OWNERS CONTRIBUTION		2,500.00
KRAFT PAPER OWNER CONTRIBUTION		2,500,00
CASH TO MASTER AT KARACHI ON 06/12/2005		30,750.00
CASH TO MASTER AT KARACHI ON 08/12/2005		43,152,50
REMITTANCE (1)		200,000,00
REMITTANCE (2)		300,000,00
REMITTANCE (3)		221,071.00
REMITTANCE (4)		200,000.00
REMITTANCE (5)		50,000.00
LOAD PORT DESPATCH		19,707.20
TOTAL '	1,052,604.00	1,122,310.70
AMOUNT DUE TO CHARTERERS		69,706.70
DISCHARGE PORTS DESPATCH DUE TO CHARTERERS		<u>29.675.60</u> 99,382.30
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E & O. E. IGEN SEA SHIPPING

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RECORDER REPORT

Revenue (FBR), Chairman, Abdullah KARACHII The Federal Board of Yesue has said that the FBR is formulatlagrat plan under which the Computatived National Identity Card (CNIC) sumber will be the National Fax Number (NTN) for an individual and for corporate sector the NTN wiff to the tax number.

Addressing the members of Karachi the FBR is examining months and demertis of the sold plan and it may be implement-Chamber of Commerce and Indusiny (KCCI) on Monday evening, he said that **6**0 500p

De Chairman seid that FBR is ausking would only be filed electronically.

He said that filling of tax returns manu-

ally creates in any problems, whereas the documents automatically, reduces work electronic filing system verifies tax actum load, manipulation and chances of misdetect refund chitas and the teapayers can takes. The new system, he added will also pay tax electronically.

Referring to tax collection targets, the flon target was fixed at Rs1,025 hillian IBR Chairban suid that revenue collecvailing taw and order condition. He added nevenue collection startfall is expected to which may not be achieved due to prebe to the tass of Ry35 billion.

priess of food and other products world-wide and Pirkistan is no exception to this petroleum products have affected the problem.

is its fiscal defect, it can easily be image

the tune of 25 percent when it was intro-

duesed and later was reduced to 15 percent.

Replying to a question, he dispelled the

Referring to income tax on salaried year-Sons, he said in Pakistan income an rotes inflictually favour reducing ax but tax are fowest in the region. He added: "! base should be increased first

Referring to cost of ttoing business, the Chairman said that in Pakistan it is very bigh and FDR is working to reduce the cost of doing business.

indicates that Pakistan has much better replate on cost of daing business, he said 83 and India or 126. Fig added that this Referring to a World Bank's recent that according to the report, out of 178 coeraries, Pakistan is at 77 while China at position that matry other committee.

He admitted that under invoicing, lems for the FBR and no improvement smuggiling and mis-declaration are probhas been made in the same so far,

Yavof said that FBR is examining a

custom cleanse system of Singapork where 90 percent goods are cleared in just also affered in avsisioners to introduce the 10 minutes. Government of Singapore hard stane system in Pakistan.

Foreign and focal investigents, there are in fathering and sky -nocketing prices of essential items, deteriorating law and order situation are, which may destabilised the comeany of the country.

It is suit that the readifold increase in international prices of POE, and metals. Welcoming the guests, President KCCF-Sharetim Alaried Shamsi and ther the last couple of months, the country lise been facing internal and external threats Such as encotomic meassing, slow pace of

well as local markets

eolog bashees and exeduag competitive—coge of Pakistan products in global as

ined that what Is going to be happened if income is loss than the expenditure. It is

needs to mobilise its resources adding that The FBR Chairman said that Pakistan fax GDP ratio which is at 11 percent should be increased to at lest 16 percent, the position of Pakistan, he scaled.

Yusuf sald that tax colloction system needs to be oberged and effects should be made for tax mobilization to increase the which is achievable.

collection. He said that sales tax regime needs to be further referenced and the FBR has already introduced around 60 to 70 percent reforms and rest will be intro-

noduced. He recalled that sales tax was to impression that sales tax was never duend scon.

He said that Pakistan's biggest problem

Yusuf said that increasing pricus of

fingmovence to its system of liking tax returns electronically and it has been decided that from July 1, 2008 fax returns



Igen Sea Shipping

Ground Floor Iftikhar Chambers Hasrat Mohani Road, Karachi - 74000 Phone 92-21-8345918 Email-igensea@igenscashipping.com

19th November 2005

To,

Hassan Ali Rice Export Company

1st Floor, Cotton Exchange Building,
L. I. Chundrigar Road,

KARACHI.

Re: C/P OF M.V. "AIN OUSSERA"

Dear Sir.

On 7^{th} November 2005, we had advised you that we had chartered on back-to-back basis M.V. Ain Oussera to you with the exception that you will pay us 25% of the total commission of 5%.

We attach herewith a copy of the Broker's E-Mail dated 19/11/2005 together with the draft working charter party.

Thanking you,

Yours truly,

For igen sea shipping

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From:

"Igen Sea Shipping" ≺igensea@igenseashipping.com>

To:

"Oceanic Shipping & Trading Co." <osto-group@fascom.com>; "Fareog Chaudhry" <fareog@osto-

group.com2

Sent:

Tuesday, April 18, 2006 5:09 PM

Subject:

MV AIN OUSSERA.

TO: OCEANIC SHIPPING & TRADING CO.,

REF: PAUL 4651542.

OWNERS BROKERS CALCULATIONS ARE ENTIRELY INCORRECT, AGAIN REPEAT THAT VESSEL ONLY ARRIVED AT KARACHI ON 71H NOVEMBER 2005 AT 18.15 HRS AND VESSEL DID NOT SUBMIT ANY NOR AFTER REPEAT AFTER THIS DATE AND TIME.

THEREFORE SINCE VESSEL FAILED TO SUBMIT NOR AFTER ARRIVAL AT KARACHI, IN ACCORDANCE WITH C/P CLAUSE 3.1 "TIME STARTS TO COUNT 24 RUNNING HOURS AFTER SURVEYORS PASS HOLDS" AND USS 19707.20 IS THE AMOUNT DUE TO US TOWARDS DESPATCH AT KARACHI.

FOR DISCHRGE PORTS, WE EARNED DESPATCH OF USS 29,675.60.

THUS THE TOTAL AMOUNT DUE TO US IS US\$ 99,382,30

EXCESS REMITTED TO OWNERS:

U8\$ 49.999,50

DESPATCH AT LOAD PORT KARACHI:

USS 19,707.20

DESPATCH AT DISC. PORT CONAKRY & TAKORADI USS 29,675,60

TOTAL:

USS 99,382.30

WHICH PLEASE REQUEST OWNERS TO REMIT TO US

THRU FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF NEW YORK

FOR CREDIT TO HABIB BANK LTD., NEW YORK ACCOUNT ABA NO: 026007809

SWIFT CODE HABBUS33XXX

FOR FURTHER CREDIT TO HABIB BANK LIMITED.

CORPORATE CENTRE, A/C NO: 050005

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

SALAM INTERNATIONAL TRANSPORT & TRADING CO., PLC c/o JORDAN NATIONAL LINES FOR SHIP OPERATIONS,

Plaintiff,

against -

IGEN SEA SHIPPING AND HASSAN ALL, RICE EXPORT CO.,

Defendants.

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ORDER

I. Background

On or about April 12, 2006, Salam International Transport & Trading Co. ("Salam" or "Plaintiff") filed a verified complaint against Igen Sea Shipping ("Igen Sea") and Hassan Ali Ricc Export Co. ("Hassan Ali," together, "Defendants") alleging that Igen Sea failed to pay \$249.517.42. due to Plaintiff under a voyage charter party agreement, dated November 12, 2005 (the "Charter"). (See Verified Complaint, dated April 11, 2006 ("Verified Complaint"), at § 5.) Plaintiff alleges that Defendant Hassan Ali "was the alter ego of Igen Sea Shipping." (See Verified Complaint at § 4.) On or about April 13, 2006, the Court issued an Ex Parte Order for Process of Maritime Attachment and Garnishment against Igen Sea and Hassan Ali (the "Attachment"). On or about May 10, 2006, Plaintiff attached Defendant Hassan Ali's property valued at \$249,517.42 by scrying non-party garnishee Habib Bank with a copy of the Attachment.

On May 15, 2006, Defendant Hassan Ali moved to vacate the Attachment ("Motion to Vacate") contending that Plaintiff's alter ego allegations are "woefully insufficient." (See Memorandum of Law in Support of Motion to Vacate Maritime Attachment, dated May 15, 2006 -Case 1:08-cv-01201-PAC - Document 9-17 Filed 06/20/2008 Page 3 of 6

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("Def. Mem." or "Hassan Ali's Memorandum of Law"), at 2, 5.) Plaintiff filed an opposition on May 17, 2006, arguing that Plaintiff "had reasonable grounds for its belief that Igen and Hassan Ali were alter egos of each other," because, among other things, Igen Sea "was a 'paper' charterer used to improperly insulate sub-charter Hassan Ali from damages." (See Memorandum of Law in Opposition to Motion to Vacate Attachment, dated May 17, 2006 ("Pl. Mem." or "Plaintiff's Memorandum of Law"), at 2.) Defendant Hassan Ali filed a reply on May 18, 2006, stating that Plaintiff's opposition "relies on Declarations that comment not on evidence showing any linkage between Hassan Ali and Igen Sea but rather on continued conjecture and unwarranted speculation." (See Reply Memorandum in Further Support of Motion to Vacate Meritime Attachment, dated May 18, 2006 ("Def. Reply" or "Hassan Ali's Reply Memorandum of Law"), at 2.)

The Court heard oral argument on May 22, 2006 at which the parties agreed there was no need for a further hearing. (See Transcript of Oral Argument, dated May 22, 2006.)

For the reasons set forth below, Defendant Hassan Ali's Motion to Vacate is granted.

II. Legal Standard

"Under Supplemental Rule B an order of maritime attachment must issue upon a minimal prima facie showing provided the defendant cannot be 'found within' the federal district in which the assets are sought to be attached." <u>Uflises Shipping Corp. v. FAL Shipping Co. Ltd.</u>, 415 F. Supp. 2d 318, 322 (S.D.N.Y. 2006). Under Supplemental Rule E(4)(f), "any person claiming an interest in [the attached property] shall be entitled to a prompt hearing at which the plaintiff shall be required to show why the . . . attachment should not be vacated or other relief granted consistent with these rules." Fed. R. Civ. P. Supp. R. B(1) (2006); see Seaplus Line Co. Ltd. v. Bulkhandling Handymax AS, 409 F.Supp.2d 316, 319 (S.D.N.Y. 2005) ("It is clear from the text of [Rule E(4)(2)] that the party . . having obtained the maritime attachment bears the burden of showing that the attachment should not be vacated."). "The post-arrest hearing is not intended to resolve definitively

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the dispute between the parties, but only to make a preliminary determination whether there were reasonable grounds for issuing the arrest warrant." Ullises Shipping, 415 F.Supp.2d at 322 (internal citations omitted); see Thypin Steel Co. v. Certain Bills of Lading, No. 96 Civ. 2166, 1996 WL 223896, at *4 (S.D.N.Y. May 2, 1996) ("The language of the Rule and the case law decided thereunder therefore support [the] contention that [plaintiff's] burden at the post-arrest hearing stage is to produce evidence sufficient to show that the arrest was supported by reasonable grounds.").

Federal courts, sitting in admiralty, allow "piercing of the corporate voil where (1) a corporation uses its alter ego to perpetrate a fraud or (2) where it so dominates and disregards its alter ego's corporate form that the after ego was actually carrying on the controlling corporation's business instead of its own." Status Intern. S.A. v. M & D Mar. Etd., 994 F. Supp. 182, 186 (S.D.N.Y. 1998). "At a post-attachment hearing, a plaintiff asserting corporate after egos need not definitively establish domination and control, but must present enough evidence to convince the court that there are reasonable grounds for piercing the corporate veil." Ullises Shipping, 415 F. Supp. 2d at 323.

MI. Analysis

Having reviewed the record in this case, including, among other things, Defendant Hassan Ali's Memorandum of Law and the accompanying affidavit of Kevin J. Lennon, dated May 15, 2006; Plaintiff's Memorandum of Law, the accompanying affidavit of Julia M. Moore, dated May 17, 2006, and the declarations of Sheikh Dildar Hussain, dated May 16, 2006 ("Hussain Decl."), Captain Mazen Baddar, dated May 17, 2006, and Klaus C.J. Mordhorst, dated May 17, 2006 ("Morehorst Decl."); Defendant Hassan Ali's Reply Memorandum of Law and the accompanying declarations of Abdullah Haswani, dated May 19, 2006, and Aziz Ashiq Ali, dated May 19, 2006; Plaintiff's supplemental declarations from Muhammad Shaiq Usmani, dated May 22, 2006, and Captain Mazon Baddar, dated May 21, 2006; and the applicable law, the Court finds that Plaintiff

has not presented enough evidence of reasonable grounds for piercing the corporate veil. Ullises Shipping, 415 F.Supp.2d at 323. Among other things, there is no evidence that Hassan Ali used Igen Sea for a fraudulent purpose and insufficient evidence (i.e. no reasonable grounds to believe) that Hassan Ali is Igen Sea's alter ego. For example, there is no evidence that Igen Sea lacks the "formalities and paraphernalia that are part and parcel of the corporate existence;" no evidence of "inadequate capitalization;" and no evidence that there was any "overlap in ownership, officers, directors, and personne?" between Igen Sea and Hassan Ali. Wm. Passalacqua Builders. Inc. v. Resnick Developers S., Inc., 933 F.2d 131, 139 (2d Cir. 1991); see De Jesus v. Sears, Roebuck & Co., Inc., 87 F.3d 65, 70 (2d Cir. 1996) ("To overcome the 'presumption of separateness' afforded to related corporations. Plaintiffs must come forward with the showing of actual domination required to pierce the corporate veil.") (internal citations omitted); American Protein Corp. v. AB Volvo, 844 F.2d 56, 60 (2d Cir. 1988) ("A corporation is an entity that is created by law and endowed with a separate and distinct existence from that of its owners. Because a principal purcose for organizing a corporation is to permit its owners to limit their liability, there is a presumption of separateness between a corporation and its owners which is entitled to substantial weight.") (internal citations omitted).

Plaintiff offers only conclusory allegations that Hassan Ali is Igen Sea's alter ego. (See, e.g., Verified Complaint ¶ 4 ("Upon information and belief, at all material times, Defendant, [Hassan Ali] was the alter ego of Igen Sea Shipping"); Moore Aff, ¶ ("At the time that [Plaintiff] sought the Order of Attachment, it was in possession of information which indicated that the relationship between Hassan Ali and Igen Sea was not arms length, that Igen Sea was not operating as a true independent entity, and may have been functioning as a chartering department of Hassan Ali"); Hussain Deel. ¶ 1 ("The building structure in the vicinity of [Hassan Ali's] shop was

The Court expresses no view upon the ultimate merits of Plaintiff's claims.

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exceedingly dilapidated and it would appear that this shop has not been used for a long time.");

Mordhorst Deel. ¶ 6 ("To my mind, there is no valid business purpose for Igen Sea to accept such risks without real compensation.").)

IV. Conclusion and Order

For the reasons stated herein, Defendant Hassan Ali's Motion to Vacate [#7] is granted.

Dated: New York, New York May 25, 2006

Richard M. Berman, U.S.B.J.